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The tuberculosis league has submitted to the President a plan, approved by the sanitary department, to effectually minimize the ravages of pulmonary consumption. It is proposed to appoint 38 traveling inspectors and construct 9 modern tuberculosis hospitals, one at each of the 6 provincial capitals and others at Cienfuegos, Manzanillo, and Colon.

For the month of April there were reported 373 new cases, with a total of 7,511 under treatment.

*Report from Santiago—Inspection of vessels—Leprosy still present.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Wilson reports, May 12:

Week ended May 8:

Bill of health issued to a vessel bound for the United States. No fumigation. No new quarantinable disease has been reported.

Among the contagious diseases existing last week were 3 cases of leprosy.

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*Report from Guayaquil—Fumigation of vessels—Plague and yellow fever.*

Passed Assistant Surgeon Wightman reports, April 30, through Passed Assistant Surgeon Lloyd:

During the 2 weeks ended April 17, 3 steamships were fumigated.

Quarantinable disease was reported in Guayaquil for the same period as follows: For the week ended April 10, 8 new cases of plague, with 1 death; 16 new cases of yellow fever, with 7 deaths. For the week ended April 17, 22 new cases of plague, with 8 deaths; 20 new cases of yellow fever, with 3 deaths.

GERMANY.

*Report from Berlin—Status of cholera in Russia.*

The following is received from Consul-General Thackara, under date of May 10:

According to an official declaration published in the bulletin of the imperial health office, during the week ended April 17 there were registered in the city of St. Petersburg 29 cases of cholera, with 3 deaths, and during the week ended April 24, there were registered 19 cases, with 1 death.

*Report on method of fumigation of vessels and destruction of rats in use at Hamburg.*

The following is received, under date of April 14, from Passed Assistant Surgeon Victor G. Heiser, chief quarantine officer for the Philippine Islands, who recently visited Hamburg, Germany:

The following is a report on the system of fumigation of vessels in use at Hamburg for the destruction of rats and vermin:

A new and improved apparatus has been devised, which is believed to be thoroughly practical and economical, causing no damage to